

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn of the sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream thereof, said draw-in unit including means for pre-wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, [and a wetting agent squeezer between the pre-wetting means and the sizing compartment,] a first and a second of said three rollers forming[, in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet,] a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said pre-wetting liquor, said second and a third roller of said three rollers forms said wetting agent squeezer as [and] a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as the pre-wetting means and as the wetting agent squeezer.

2. (previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said three rollers dam up a first wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply, and the path of the yarn sheet after the first wetting agent supply leads through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said second wetting agent supply and through said second squeezing gap.

3. (previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

4. (previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

5. (currently amended) The device in accordance with claim [5] 4, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

6. (previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 2, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

7. (currently amended) The device in accordance with claim [4] 6, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

8. (currently amended) The device in accordance with claim [6] 7, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

9. (new) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn of the sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream thereof, said draw-in unit including means for pre-wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said pre-wetting liquor, said second and a third roller of said three rollers forms said wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as the pre-wetting means and as the wetting agent squeezer.

10. (new) The device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said three rollers dam up a first wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply, and the path of the yarn sheet after the first wetting agent supply leads through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said second wetting agent supply and through said second squeezing gap.

11. (new) The device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

12. (new) The device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

13. (new) The device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

14. (new) The device in accordance with claim 10, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

15. (new) The device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

16. (new) The device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.